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BABLAKE &  
KING HENRY VIII  
SCHOOL

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## **NEW STRUCTURE ANNOUNCED FOR BABLAKE AND KING HENRY VIII SCHOOL**

Coventry School Foundation has today (Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May) announced that the new Bablake and King Henry VIII School (BKHS), will provide Preparatory and Senior education at two of their three school sites from September 2021. This is a change to the original approach of all senior pupils being educated at the Bablake site and all Preparatory pupils at King Henry VIII.

This new approach for creating BKHS, the School to be created through the restructure of Bablake and King Henry VIII schools, means that the majority of pupils will continue to go to school on their existing site or will move to the school they had previously expected to join in September 2021. This was a strong preference raised by parents when providing feedback on the original approach.

The Swallows site will close and Nursery and Pre-Preparatory education for children aged three to seven will be located at The Grange, as previously communicated.

Governors took the decision not to proceed with the original approach after further analysis showed that more pupils would be impacted for longer and that development costs would be greater than estimated if the original plan was implemented. They also considered the views of parents, pupils, staff and the wider community.

The new approach will ensure that all pupils enjoy the same access to excellent teaching, small class sizes, broader co-curricular opportunities and outstanding pastoral care.

**Andrew Wright, Bablake and King Henry VIII School Project Lead, said:**

*'The vision of one school remains. The additional work undertaken presented the opportunity to reflect and reshape the approach. Forging ahead with the creation of a one school across two Preparatory to Senior sites will be the least disruptive and most cost-effective way of delivering the significant benefits that a single school experience will offer.'*

*Adopting a new approach was not a decision that Governors took lightly. It is hoped parents and staff can see that the new approach reflects their feedback and will continue to deliver outstanding education while creating a robust financial future.”*

Across all sites, pupils will belong to BKHS and, in time, will be united by the same admissions system, curriculum, leadership team, academic and pastoral systems and school ethos. Senior school pupils will start to compete as BKHS teams in sporting fixtures from September.

BKHS will officially launch in September 2021, with Shell (Year 7) and Reception pupils being the first to wear the School’s new uniform. The uniform will also be available to Year 3 pupils.

While teachers will spend most of their time at one site, movement between the two sites will enable pupils across the whole school to benefit from the talents and opportunities that the full teaching team can offer.

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Note to editors - Andrew Wright, Project Lead, is available for interviews. Please contact Shona O’Donovan at [odonovans@csfoundation.org.uk](mailto:odonovans@csfoundation.org.uk) to arrange.